

The federal appropriations process is an annual process that provides an opportunity to direct federal resources to worthy local interests. During these difficult economic times, this provides an important opportunity for local communities and organizations in the 11th Congressional District of Illinois to fund projects and programs that serve the residents of the District, improve the quality of life of District residents, and enhance the economic development of the region.

In order to ensure that the appropriations process works on behalf of the interests of you, the taxpayer, the Congresswoman is taking unprecedented steps for the 11th District to implement the highest standards regarding disclosure, transparency, as well as the efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

While Congresswoman Halvorson recognizes a great need for investment in communities throughout the district, the process limits the number of projects that can be presented for serious consideration. Additionally, in order to ensure that each project submitted is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars, the Congresswoman will be proposing projects based on the below criteria:

- a. **Regionally Significant:** The project is important to a substantial portion of the 11th Congressional District.
- b. **Transformative:** The project has the potential to have a real impact on the local economy and will put the 11th District at the forefront of the new energy economy.
- c. **Cost-Effective:** The project uses limited funds in an efficient manner in order to produce greater impact on the quality of life or economic development in the community.
- d. **Job Creators:** The project creates or attracts jobs; will bolster the 11th District's competitive advantage in the global economy.
- e. **Eligibility:** The project complies with eligibility requirements set forth by the Appropriations Subcommittees; this includes local and state matching funds, using the funds during Fiscal Year 11, and other requirements under federal law.

Please note that the submission of project requests does not guarantee funding or funding amounts. After submission, the House Appropriations Committee considers requests from all Members of the House of Representatives and decides which projects are to receive funding and at what level.

The Appropriations Subcommittees normally make their decisions during the summer, with final passage of Appropriations bills expected in September.

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To submit a request, fill out the Word document below. The deadline for submitting a request is Friday, February 12, 2010 at 5:00pm CST / 6:00 pm EST. This is a hard deadline. Submissions must be emailed as an attachment to [corey.tellez@mail.house.gov](mailto:corey.tellez@mail.house.gov).

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